Amendments to the Claims:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173, please cancel claims 21, 28-32, 34-40, 43-45, and 57-58. Please amend claims 56 and 59 as follows:

<u>56.</u> (Amended) <u>A cover and wastewater combination comprising:</u>

wastewater that includes sewage and/or industrial waste;

a plurality of panels positioned over the wastewater, the panels being removably linked

together to form a non gas-tight cover system, each panel comprising a

geomembrane; and

insulation material sealed inside each panel by a weld.

59. (Amended) The cover and wastewater combination of claim 56, where each panel includes multiple openings, the panels overlap, and the panels are removably linked together with fasteners.